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## TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT EARMARK FUNDING REQUEST



The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency requests \$2,000,000 to overcome barriers to transit oriented development (TOD) at six Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) station sites in the east San Francisco Bay. The funds will be used to construct access improvements for disabled persons, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. They will also be used to contribute towards cleaning up hazardous materials at infill transit sites so that they can be developed.

The funds will allow the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and Union City, California to work with BART and local transit agencies to initiate or continue TOD projects that have been delayed or halted because of the costs of providing a safe, clean site with a variety of access modes.

The objectives of the TOD project are to reduce reliance on the automobile by making it easy and convenient for people to travel by transit, walk or bicycle, thus resulting in increased transit ridership, reduced traffic congestion and improved air quality.



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The Transit Oriented Development project in Alameda County, California will focus on six BART station sites in Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and Union City. The sites include major BART/bus transfer points in urbanized areas.

Providing a variety of access to a transit site—for pedestrians, disabled persons, bicyclists and those making connections by bus increases transit use, reduces traffic congestion and improves the quality of life in urban neighborhoods.

Transit Oriented Development adjacent to rail stations is often located at infill sites with previous uses that have resulted in hazardous materials at the site. These sites are often easily accessible by car but difficult to reach by other means, such as foot, bicycle, bus, and for those with disabilities. Transit Oriented Development in existing urbanized areas, therefore, has unique obstacles to overcome: identifying and cleaning up hazardous materials, as well as providing access to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and disabled persons.

This project will address these obstacles and demonstrate how they can be overcome to implement Transit Oriented Development.

